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A Student Publication of Cedarville College

WHISPERING CEDARS

CHEM STUDENTS ILLUSTRATE AGE DATING

An exhibit on Carbon 14, a radioactive isotope used in determining the age of organic matter, is now in the display case at the college library. This timely display, which is of especial interest to history, science, and Christian evidences students, is the work of Mr. Brumbaugh's general chemistry class including Mark Haseltine, Carole Boren, Edward Eastman, and Tom Cetas. Carole Hell is responsible for the art work. The chart is divided into three sections, the first showing the way Carbon 14 is formed, the second its disintegration in organic matter, and the third the chemical method of determining the amount of this isotope in plants or animals.

Scientists have been working on this method of age dating since 1946. It is now a fairly accurate means of establishing the age of plant and animal fossils and remains. Recognizing that all living matter contains a constant amount of Carbon 14 (a heavier form of the normal carbon, C^{12}) and that dead organic matter contains an ever diminishing percentage of this isotope, scientists can determine the length of time well preserved

STUDENTS VOTE TO OPEN LIBRARY

The recent poll taken in chapel by the Student Council revealed that the student body would like for the library to remain open on both Friday and Saturday nights. The current practice is to close the library on Saturday night.

The Student Council took the poll after several students complained about not being able to use the library on Saturday night.

Since keeping the library open entails considerable expense, it is important to know how many students will be using the facilities during the extra night; hence the poll.

Of the students who participated in the poll, 80 said they plan to use the library on both Friday and Saturday; 37 did not care for the library to be open on either night; 21 preferred to use the library on Friday nights instead of Saturday; and 26 preferred Saturday rather than Friday.

The Council will present these statistics to Mr. Wyland who is formulating library policy concerning the week-end services of the library.

DON'T WE LOOK DIFFERENT

--A Word From the Editor

Our new format marks the beginning of a vigorous effort by the staff of the Whispering Cedars to make our school paper a paper of college caliber. We are hoping to include campus news, interviews with important personalities, up-to-date sports coverage, articles to stimulate your thinking, and in the near future we hope to incorporate editorial cartoons as regular features.

The staff is also eager to have you feel that this is your paper, for it is. We are simply your representatives in performing this important job, and if you have any suggestions or criticisms feel free to communicate with us. Remember, too, that written contributions from the student body are also welcomed. We solicit your help in attempting to make this a worthwhile and stimulating publication.

DORM CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Dorm Christmas Party was held December 10 at 10:15 in the school cafeteria. Faith Hall, Heriman Hall, and the new dorm took part in the party. Entertainment was supplied from all three of these dorms.

Gifts were exchanged between big and little sisters and between roommates. Mrs. Underwood was presented a gift from the girls in Faith Hall.

Refreshments were served and all had a very good time.

SOCIETIES INITIATE

Gamma Chi welcomed twenty-eight new members and Alpha Chi welcomed fifteen new members at a joint initiation ceremony at the Blessed Hope Baptist Church in Springfield, December 1.

Officers and old members were given candles, after which the initiates were given candles, a verse of scripture as their names were called. The initiates recited the pledge in unison to conclude the solemn ceremony.

The societies separated for a brief business meeting, then re-assembled for refreshments of cookies and punch.

WHISPERING CEDARS STAFF

Horace Ward	Charlotte Heikes
Bill Evans	Jane Ginz
Helen Stephen	Betty Smythe
Sally Raudybush	Wanda Kennedy

Help support our team by going to Findley, Saturday night. We're hoping for an upset. GET EM BOYS!!!

CEDARVILLE FACES LEAGUE CHAMPS

Our Cedarville Yellow Jackets carry an overall 1-3 record to Findlay College Saturday night for a Mid-Ohio League contest with the defending champions.

Coach Bowser's boys may be walking in a hot bed as the Oiler squad has carried over a good deal of momentum from last year, and is currently sporting a record of one win and no losses.

The outcome could depend heavily upon whether or not Cedarville can shake a rash of poor shooting that has plagued them in the past three starts.

Statistics paint a fairly accurate picture. Against Capitol, Ohio Northern, and Wilmington, the Yellow Jackets have hit a "cool" 34 per cent of their shots from the floor while these three opponents have a combined average of 44 per cent for the same games. Only in the second half against Wilmington did we hit with the kind of sharp shooting necessary to win ballgames - and that effort shaved eleven points from the Quakers' first-half bulge. With continuation of this kind of point production, we can cause a lot of trouble from here on out.

Senior reliable, John Etner, leads the individual shooting parade with a consistent 52 per cent on 12 baskets in 23 attempts. Pete Reese, who's having a little trouble rounding into shape due to leg trouble, leads in free-throw accuracy - hitting on 17 of

20 tries for a high of 85 per cent.

Two home games are on the schedule for next week. Nearby Wilberforce will be here Tuesday, and Bethel comes Thursday.

Cedarville fans had reason to rejoice with Coach Thompson as his boys won their first game of the year with a score of 66-62 against Wilmington.

ATTENTION!

Thursday in chapel, President Jeremiah asked the students to use the sidewalks as much as possible and not to walk in the mud. But if we really wanted to walk in the mud that the football field was the place to do it. So who should be the first to be seen on the football field? Mr. Bartholomew.

WHALES OVER ILLINOIS

Can you imagine a whale swimming over Illinois? Professor Thomson and Brumbaugh have come to that conclusion as the result of a "Whale-bone" contributed by Joyce Grant.

Joyce, a resident of Moline, Illinois, brought the giant vertebra to Mr. Thomson's class for examination. It had been discovered by her family and kept in their garage. (con't on page 4)

CAMPUS ENGLISH IS PECULIAR

A vocabulary peculiar to college campuses which has little comprehension for the general public is known as Campus English.

Examples of a few years ago will give us an idea of what Campus English has been like in our Colleges and universities throughout the nation. A survey in Princeton said that a spook was a young lady. At North Texas Agricultural College a beast, an unattractive girl, a date bait, an attractive girl; and a dream boat a handsome person of either sex.

At Wayne University beating the bushes was looking for a date; a campus roar, an egotistical professor; and one who took all easy (pipe) courses, a plumbing major. At Northwestern University a Mickey Mouse was a notoriously easy course and a four wheel friend was one who was devoted to your car.

Here at Cedarville we have traces of Campus English. For example:

A puffer is one who puffs or who opens his mouth and says something. Because of frequent use the word has gone through changes. It is also used as a mild derogatory term.

A scruncher is a demonstrative courter.

To snow is to fake, generalize or amplify as to snow a test.

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HISTORY TEACHES

Sophisticated individualism has replaced a naive patriotism; man is free to strive, to achieve, and to win. America today is at a peak in literature, music, art, science, industry, wealth, and education. So it was in Greece shortly before the Golden Period of individualism and achievement gave place to war, plague, division, and eventually ruin. Is America traveling from glory to destruction as Greece did? Can we prevent what seems to be inevitable?

History can answer these perplexing questions. She points out the pitfalls of Grecian civilization and warns us to avoid them. She shows us how we have reached the glory that is ours and reveals our indebtedness to ancient peoples for the ideas, customs, and knowledge we have adopted to make us great. She teaches us the folly of glorying in our strength and ignoring our weaknesses.

History is a long record of success and failures showing the wisdom that has built empires in years and the foolishness that has torn them down in months. She can teach us how to preserve American democracy if we but listen and heed.

(Whales Over Illinois)

According to the professors this vertebra has the texture of whale bones would imply that the Mid-West was once covered by an ocean in which the whale lived.